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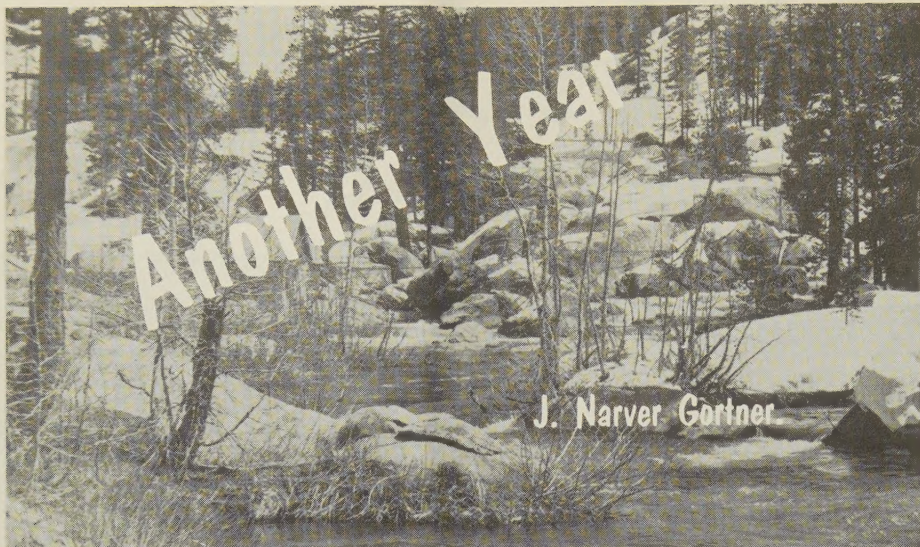
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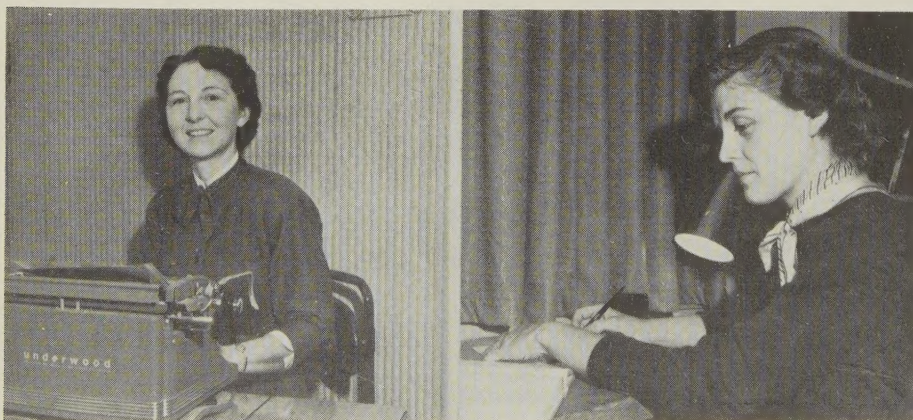
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How swiftly flows the stream of time!
The days have sped away,
The weeks and months in every clime:
Again is New Year's day!
A year has gone with all its cares,
Its sorrows and its woes,
Its growth of wheat and growth of tares,
And time, unceasing, flows.

Lord, help me as I step across
The threshold of the year,
Behind me every care to toss,
And, with high hopes and cheer,
To face the future like a man,
Redeemed and cleansed, made pure!
He who His work in me began
Will finish it, I'm sure.



The editor has some new helpers. Sister Ruth Gerhart (left) and Lenore Wilson (right) have each been of substantial assistance in preparing recent editions, and they are now, herewith, promoted to official status on our staff. Sister Gerhart is acting chiefly as news editor of Glad Tidings; while Sister Wilson is handling feature articles and some of the contributor's pages. The editor, Brother Holdcroft, will continue to be responsible for the over all planning and publication, and of course, Brother Gaston and the District Officer will still exercise their general oversight.

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Home Missions Sem- inar at Bethany

On February 15 and 16, 1955, a
team of Head Office representatives
will minister at Bethany Bible Col-
lege on behalf of Springfield's new
Home Missions Program. The team
will include: Gayle F. Lewis, Victor
Trimmer, Arvid Ohnell, and Her-
bert Bruhn. The entire morning ses-
sion will be given over to the min-
istry of these brethren, and there will
no doubt be meetings at other hours
also. There would be limited space
in the meetings for friends of B. B.
C. who are particularly interested in
Home Missions.

C. E. F. Day

January 9

As Church Extension Fellowship Chairman Kenneth M. Haystead and Pastor Leonard Weston proclaim by the poster they hold: "JANUARY 9 IS CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP DAY." The congregation of the Pacific Grove First Assembly of God, of which Brother Weston is the pastor, was the first in our District to join C. E. F. one hundred percent. The example of the Pacific Grove folks is indeed a worthy one for all of our assemblies.

C. E. F. is a program which seeks to meet the challenge of new communities: Those areas where, within the last few years, row upon row of houses and businesses have suddenly sprung up. These new developments impose restrictions which thwart conventional methods of establishing Gospel works. There are no old buildings to renovate and temporary structures or tents are prohibited. The only way is to build permanently according to a rigid building code that imposes financial costs vastly exceeding those we are accustomed to spending on a new work.

Missionary-minded people of our District are banding together to reach these new areas through C. E. F. Specifically, C. E. F. is a contribution of two dollars towards the erection of the first new church to be established in a promising location, and a pledge to contribute an additional two dollars to each subsequent new project. These calls will not be frequent; perhaps they will come no more often than once or twice a year.

The San Bruno project, in which C. E. F. is currently engaged, though not strictly a new work, was chosen unanimously by the Committee. In this hustling city of nearly 20,000, just south of San Francisco, a foothold had been established with the erection of a spacious building. But this structure, though lovely on the outside, was unfinished within. Its demands had served to discourage a succession of pastors and people, and had C. E. F. not intervened, the structure, and the Gospel work it represented, would have been lost to our cause.

Today, the San Bruno assembly is thriving. Under the ministry of Pastor Edwin L. Cole, and with the help of C. E. F. funds, it has enjoyed a dramatic growth. The interior of the building is now nearing completion and almost all the necessary facilities have been installed. We have every reason to believe that this church, in a very short while, will be one of our strong, established, self-supporting assemblies.

C. E. F. is catching the imagination of our entire District. For a personal investment of merely two dollars, each member of our Fellowship can actively serve in the establishment of a strong Assembly of God church in a promising community. You too are invited to enlist. By your contribution and pledge we ask you to make our January 9 C. E. F. enlistment day go over the top. Your pastor has descriptive brochures and remittance envelopes. Or you can obtain a complete C. E. F. kit by writing: Kenneth M. Haystead, Chairman, Church Extension Fellowship, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.



A recent San Bruno congregation. Sixty-one people are pictured, whereas before C. E. F., the Sunday morning congregation numbered exactly one!

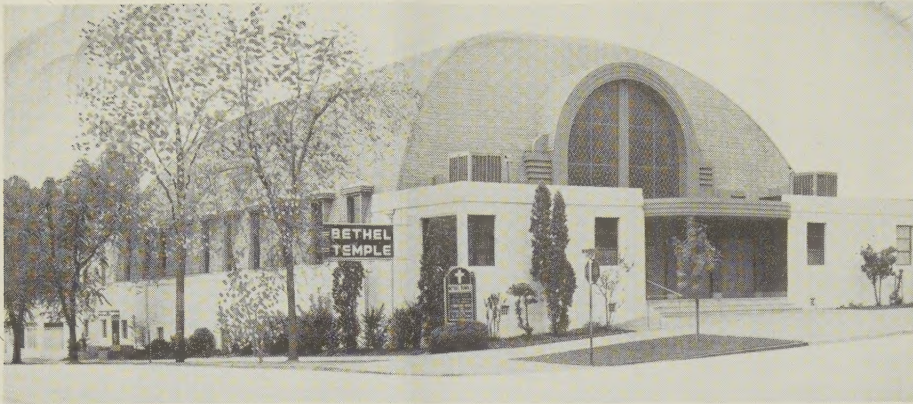


The San Bruno Church exterior. The building, while still unfinished was valued at \$35,000. It is located on a choice site in downtown San Bruno.



The Church Extension Fellowship Committee with San Bruno pastor, Edwin L. Cole (back row, extreme right). K. M. Haystead is the chairman.

District News of



The thirty-sixth annual District Council convened at Bethel Temple of Sacramento, February 24. Nearly five-hundred ministers and delegates registered for the business session. Our General Superintendent, Ralph M. Riggs, brought a challenging message each night. During the council seventy-five names were added to the District ministerial list and several resolutions of lasting importance were passed. R. J. Thurmond and J. L. Gerhart were elected General Presbyters.



To serve as President of Bethany Bible College, the Board of Directors was most fortunate in securing Leland R. Keys. As Dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, District Superintendent and pastor of

Glad Tidings Temple, Brother Keys has earned a place of high esteem in our District. His work in the college has demonstrated once again that he is an outstanding man of God.



The unique history of the San Andreas church was featured in a recent issue of the Glad Tidings. Few, if any, churches have been a converted stable. Pastor Holloway and his wife are thankful to God for the work He has done in their church. Twenty-nine souls made decisions for Christ in the past year.



In January our assistant Superintendent suffered a severe heart ailment. His condition was so serious that for six weeks he was confined to his bed. But in response to the concerted prayers of the District Fellowship, God undertook. As his strength returned Brother Haystead was able to gradually resume his many responsibilities. Today he is laboring again at full speed.



In May, District Presbytery met to consider the recommendation of the Council concerning the future of our District Bible School. After much prayerful deliberation, it was decided to add an optional fourth year to the course, and to award a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. The school name was changed to Bethany Bible College. The fall season saw a splendid group of students enrolled, and the constant awareness of divine blessings.

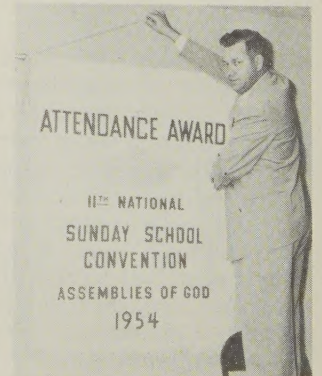


This view of the San Bruno church and parsonage may serve to remind us that January 9 is C. E. F. Day. Your two dollar membership is needed now.

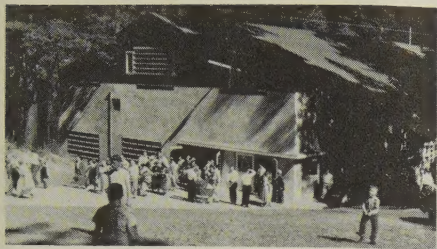


On June 7, Reverend Donald G. Weston of Modesto observed his twentieth anniversary as pastor of Bethel Church. The occasion generated considerable interest, both within the community and elsewhere. Brother Weston is to be congratulated for his fine record in serving God and his community, and he is indeed a credit to our movement. He is now well along in his twenty-first year of faithful ministry at Bethel.

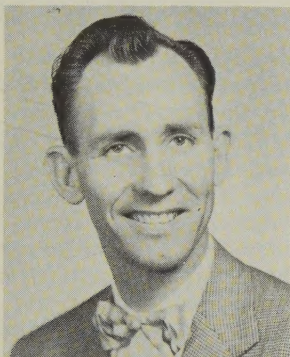
Brother Suter was delighted to announce we won. One hundred and fifteen Northern California-Nevada delegates traveled over 252,000 miles to attend the World's largest Sunday School convention, held in St. Louis, Missouri. Having traveled more total miles than any other District we were able to have the attendance banner back in the District for the first time in five years.



1954 in Retrospect



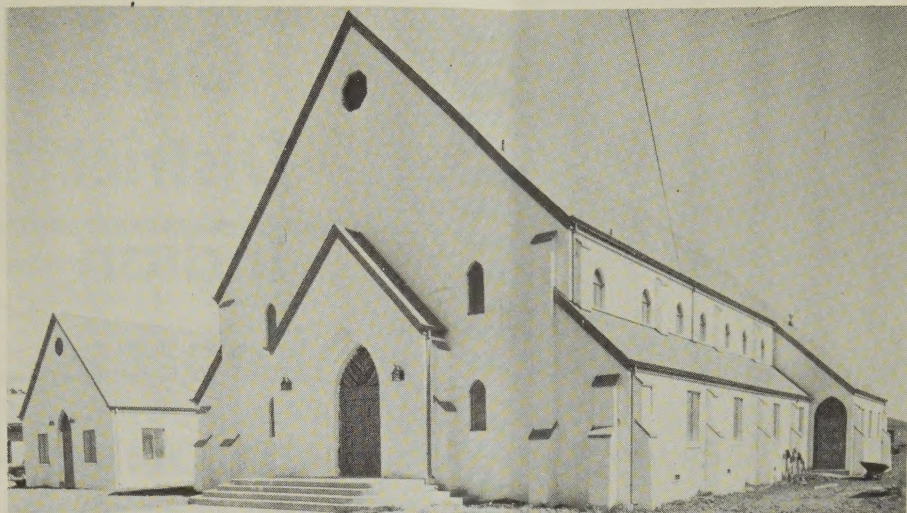
Camp at Santa Cruz, in the heart of the Redwoods was blessed with the ministry of W. A. Brown and C. C. Burnett. 1954 marked the 20th anniversary of our District camp meetings. Brother T. F. Singleton ministered in Mt. Lassen camp and Paul Trulin in the Redwood Section.



After a very successful C. A. Camp at Bethany Park, President Ray Lockwood resigned to accept the pastorate at Chico. Vice-President Walt Boring assumed the vacated office until the annual fall convention.



After two years of ministry in Indiana, Nelson Hinman, former pastor of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, returned to California to be pastor of Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco. Through his daily radio and weekly television programs, he has been able to reach thousands each week. Brother Hinman is one of our first District pastors to maintain a regular telecast.



July 19, 1954 was dedication day at Merced Assembly of God. Valued at \$150,000 this Gothic type structure is one of which we can be proud. Pastor Snyder and the people of Merced are to be commended for their outstanding achievement.

Harriet Wilson asks . . .

Shall We Make a New Beginning?

*K*ipling wrote, "IF you can start again at the beginning . . ." He, as Aaron in the land of Egypt. This month shall be the beginning of (Continued on Page 11)

all of us, recognized that it takes a lot of stamina to start again. It takes determination to leave a failure behind and learn from its mistakes to do better. Yet such a determination is imperative if the coming year is to be better than the last. It is imperative if we are to progress or if others are to benefit because we lived. It is a challenge for the brave, for the courageous, for those who dare. The stout-hearted, the alert, the sturdy soul will begin again. It is the sleepy, fearful, weak-kneed one who plods on in the rut of yesterday.

The new year is before us. Shall we begin again?

Thank God for a clean page, a new day, a month or year to do more and better. Let us forget the dead past and look ahead to tomorrows, bright with the promises of God. Let us look ahead to a future beyond our imagination. It will be ours because we dared to begin again.

"The Lord spake unto Moses and



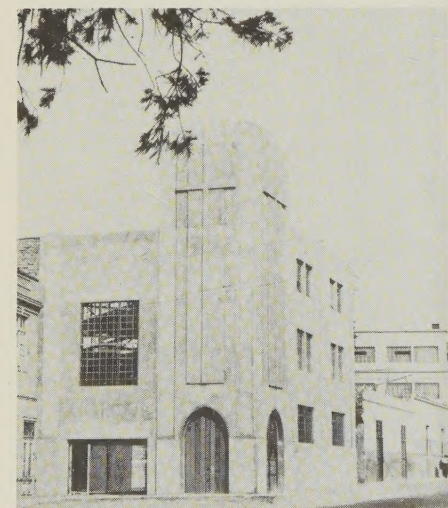
Sister Wilson is the wife of Pastor R. A. Wilson of Roseville. She is vitally active in her role as pastor's wife, and a competent worker in church activities.



Brother George Effman, who is pictured above in full Indian regalia, was recently appointed by the District Presbytery to act as Representative to the American Indians in N. Calif.-Nev. District. Brother Effman, presently pastoring at Healdsburg, has been very active in this worthy work to his own people for the past years. He has also been engaged in ministering to Indian groups and camp meetings in other districts.

At a recent meeting of Indian

workers, a new organization was formed to be known as the American Indian Fellowship of the Assemblies of God. Brother Effman was elected to serve as chairman of this new association. It is believed that the work among the American Indians in this district will be helped considerably by these two forward moves. Any Pastor or W. M. C. group desirous of having Brother Effman for a missionary meeting can contact the District Missionary Secretary at the District Office.



From Missionary H. B. Felton of Lima, Peru, comes this interesting snap of the Lima Evangelistic Center in process of construction.

RUTH A. COUCHMAN of Lima, Peru, writes:

- ◆ She recently completed a preaching and evangelistic tour that took her over 1,300 miles.
- ◆ In the tour she preached 19 times, saw 40 baptized in the Holy Spirit.



A group of Christians gathered for the Heetebry's anniversary marking twenty-eight years of ministry in the Fijian Islands. The picture includes representatives of many races, but all are eager, born-again, Full Gospel Christians.

Our District Indian Representative



The Riley Kaufmans sailed to Manila, Philippine Islands, on December 8. In the upper photo are (left to right): J. L. Gerhart, Goldia Anderson, Flossie Kaufman, Riley Kaufman, and K. M. Haystead. Goldia Anderson and Flossie Kaufman are sisters. In the lower picture, the Kaufman's station wagon is being loaded aboard the ship. The vehicle was a gift from the Sacramento C. A.'s. For another scene from the Kaufman's sailing see the W. M. C. page.

The ARTHUR LINDVALLS of El Salvador write:

- ◆ This year, with 64 students, they have a record enrollment in their Bible school. The first year students number 39.
- ◆ Through the Christian service activities of the student body in only three weekends the results included: 31 saved, 1,000 gathered for Gospel services conducted by students, 8,000 tracts distributed, and 2,500 Gospel portions and booklets sold.

District Council

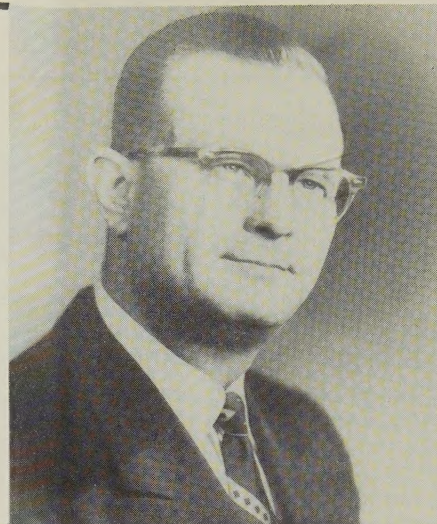
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Vallejo, California

*A Council Meeting
that you can't
afford to miss!*

SPEAKER:

Thomas F. Zimmerman
Assistant General Superintendent



DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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All the General and District Presbyters

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H. D. Byram
Enoch Christofferson
Jack Errington
R. P. Murray
O. A. Hart

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Oscar Arnesen
Robert Carrington
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C. E. Persing
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E. Z. Lawrence
C. E. Lebeck
Otto Schmidt
E. R. Gomes

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W. O. Vickery

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Leonard Weston

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C. M. Robeck
D. C. Colbert
L. D. Couchman

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Robert Carrington, Ch'man.
R. C. Jones
T. F. Baker
M. W. Steward
R. H. Lockwood

Resolution Committee

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C. G. Weston
L. R. Wood
W. P. Steelberg
A. G. Benning
W. T. Scott

Parliamentarian

Leonard Palmer

The Credentials Committee will meet with applicants for ordination on Tuesday, February 22, at the auditorium.

CANDIDATES FOR MINISTERIAL RECOGNITION AT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following Candidates for Ministerial Recognition and for change of status have been approved by the Credentials Interviewing Committees and are being presented to the District Credentials Committee at the District Council for final approval.

Othell R. Lewis
Melvia F. Lynn
Joseph H. Mahan
Bennie K. Mason
Raymond C. Needham
Carmon F. Neff
Wayne J. Paul
Kenneth D. Peterson
Loretta E. Plummer
Shirley A. Rader
Ralston B. Rhodes
Clarence L. Ruse
Charles A. Tuttle
Joseph J. Vagle
Irah Van Houten
Edward V. Webb
Lyndell B. Witt
Buddy H. Yarnell
Doyle V. Young

Licentiates

Howard R. Call
Clara R. Chester
Wendell H. Cyphers
Raymond H. Hagar
Fred E. Kirkwood
Grover G. Pollard
Wesley O. Rouse

Charles W. Shaw
Evelyn L. Sturgeon
Albert L. Wyrick, Jr.
Dwight D. Yanez

CHANGE OF STATUS

Christian Worker to Licentiate

Frances L. Barron
Albert R. Batey
William H. Elliott
Perry A. Gower
Donald D. Harvey
August Hoff
Dorothy Martin
Joseph C. Murray
Floyd A. Schlumbohm
Leo A. Wood

Licentiate to Ordination

Otto J. Bell
Edith L. Birmingham
Grover E. Birmingham
Charlie Clark
Velma I. Clark
Maydell Darden
Wesley W. Davidson
J. Reuben Davis

Martin Seth Engebretsen
Douglas M. Fairington
Gerald L. Fry
Raymond J. Hackett
Carroll D. Holloway
W. Lowell Hooper
William H. Morris
Jack A. Parks
John W. Peck
Archie A. Pool
Jackson R. Riddlesperger
Charles H. Sandefer
T. F. Sandry
Robert M. Scott
William E. Scott
Ethel C. Skultety
Jerrell E. Snyder

TRANSFERRED IN FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Pearl E. Clement for Ordination

REINSTATED

Harold S. McHugh for Licentiate

The above list does not include those who were approved for renewal in present status.

NEW MEMBERS

Christian Workers

Chestley Austin
Benson Bailey
Milford J. Brewer
Glyndon B. Coker
Paul E. Cope
Johnie W. Crump
Ola F. Crump
William H. Gaither
Charles W. Garner
William W. Harrell, Jr.
Mary Alice Harvey
Robert E. Ingersoll
Paul E. Jones
George W. Krause
Mary E. Krause
Lester Lancaster

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Echoes of blessing at the

Chico Convention

It was Chico's largest convention—the Christ's Ambassadors were in town!

They were all over town — these happy fine looking young people. Their red badges distinguished them as they thronged the town, but as one business man remarked, "You can recognize them even without their badges — these young people are different, somehow!"

Yes, Chico knew we were in town, and its officials and people were gracious hosts. Parking courtesies were extended to any car with a C. A. emblem on its windshield. Dozens of homes, from both within and without our Assemblies of God churches, opened their doors freely to convention guests. Newspapers of the area gave front page coverage of the convention in word and picture — a coverage that began several days before the convention and continued for days afterward.

The authorities of Chico State College broke all precedents in turning their beautiful downtown auditorium over to the Christ's Ambassadors.

Thanksgiving day the auditorium began to hum with activity in preparation for the crowds that were to come. And the crowds did come —

nearly 900 pushed away from their Thanksgiving dinners in time to be present for the opening service, 1200 were present the second night and about 1100 stayed through the closing service on Saturday night.

They came, these crowds of young people, expecting a blessing and they were not disappointed. The presence of the Lord was wonderfully felt from the very beginning of the convention. Among those who ministered the Word of God were President Walter Boring, District Superintendent W. T. Gaston, Missionary to Liberia, R. J. Renfro, and the main convention speaker, Robert Fierro.

The convention theme "by this sign, we Conquer" was colorfully illustrated by a large revolving cross at the edge of the platform.

Reverend George Effman and the Indian Assemblies of our District erected a colorful booth in the lobby which displayed hand made Indian arts and crafts and by slides, maps, and printed materials portrayed the tremendous opportunities for missionary work among the Indian people of our own area. Pastor Effman, in his authentic Indian dress added much to the color of the booth and eagerly told the story of his people,

what God is doing among them and what is yet to be done.

An attractive booth from Bethany Bible College did a good job advertising our District school. One of the lasting impressions of the convention will be the thrilling music provided by the eighty voice college choir under the leadership of Reverend Forrest Beiser. Their talented and annointed singing was thoroughly enjoyed by the Friday and Saturday night crowds.

Other long-to-be-remembered highlights were: the Speed-the-Light service, a new station wagon driven on the platform and given to the Luce's of Samoa, an offering of \$3,000.00 in cash and pledges received to provide a printing press for John Kolenda in Germany who is setting up a Gospel Publishing House.

The response to Reverend Fierro's call to consecration on Saturday night, as hundreds of weeping Christ's Ambassadors said from their hearts "here am I, send me," was beautiful.

There was a large turnout for the business session on Saturday afternoon. Walt Boring and Kirk Soper were re-elected as president and secretary-treasurer and Don Annas was elected as vice-president.

The convention can perhaps be judged best by the results it had in the lives of those who attended. After the Saturday night service, one carload of C. A.'s were on their way home when the power of God so came upon them that they had to stop a few miles out of Chico. There, in a praise service beside the highway God wonderfully blessed them all and one newly converted high school boy was filled with the Holy Spirit! From our churches are coming reports of blessing and revival as a direct result of the convention.



Pictured above are the new and retiring officers of the Bethel Temple, Sacramento C. A.'s. Retiring President Miriam Johnson is second from the left, and incoming President, Ray Montoya, is holding the gavel. The installation service was the highlight of a formal banquet. A most interesting report from Assistant Pastor Earl Walpole indicated that this was not only an outstanding social occasion, but a time of rich spiritual blessing as well.

Secretary-Treasurers:

Attention Please

Last week a pastor said that he was surprised to learn that his C. A.'s were not sending a regular monthly offering to the District C. A. office. Perhaps you have over looked this most important duty in your group. Could I suggest that you talk this matter over with your President and get those much needed dollars in! Send your offering to C. A. Department, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.



(Above, left): Eighteen new members were recently taken into the group in First Assembly, Chico. The President Billie Jo Kern is holding the banner, and assistant section chairman Robert Rickett is standing at the extreme right. (right): The Willows group which



recently won the first banner contest in the Sacramento Valley section. Front row, seated left to right are Pastor Kenneth Bird, Lloyd Kepple, President; Clarence Skaggs, Vice-President, and Ed Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Chico Looks at the C. A. Convention

MAYOR TED MERIAM: "The Chico community was privileged and proud to be selected as the convention site for the Christ's Ambassadors. We hope that you enjoyed your short visit with us and that you will return again in the near future."

CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES EVANS: "The recent conclave of Christ's Ambassadors in Chico was a distinct honor to this community. I want to wish you every success in your future undertakings, and express the hope that you will visit us again." MR. BOB PEASE, Jr., PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: "We in Chico feel greatly honored that this community was selected for the 1954 annual conven-

tion of the Christ's Ambassadors. We wish you every success, and invite you to return again either individually or as a group."

PASTOR LLOYD DECKER, CHICO'S PLEASANT VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: "The entire convention was an inspiration and has proved to be a real blessing to our church. Local townspeople are still talking about it."

PASTOR RAY LOCKWOOD, CHICO'S FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: "The town was deeply impressed by the entire spirit of the convention. It brought revival to our young people . . . the best planned convention I have ever attended, Walt Boring did a splendid job."

The President's Column

Happy New Year C. A.'s, and may the God . . . "of every good gift and every perfect gift . . ." shower you all with more joy and satisfaction in Christ than ever before. It's grand to personally possess the greatest gift that God has ever given. May our lives in 1955 honor Christ, God's precious gift, in all our words, deeds, and conduct.

We are now entering into a promising year. In spite of chaotic world conditions, 1955 holds unlimited opportunities for Christ's Ambassadors. Ahead of us are conventions, youth camps, rallies and many other enjoyable ways of serving the Lord. We have taken on several new and important Speed-the-Light projects. It will be a joy to see them completed. Let us work together and see if we can make this the busiest, happiest, and most productive year ever.

I wish to thank you, everyone, for placing your confidence in me for the next two years. I desire your prayers that my term of office will be a blessing to our District. Always remember that this office is here for your assistance and convenience, so feel free to call on me for anything, at any time, and I will do what I can to help. I also want to thank you for giving me two extra fine fellows to work with. Kirk Soper and Don Annas are tops and I am anticipating with pleasure the work that we will be doing together. May the Lord bless you always. I will be looking for you at the rallies and in your own C. A. services.

Walt Boring.

C. A. Chit-Chat

Happy New Year everybody! May you and your C. A. group have a most successful year.

First of all, congratulations are in order to Walt Boring, Don Annas, and Kirk Soper. May God's blessing be upon you as you begin your new terms in the District C. A. office.

Now lets see what has been going on around the District.

A new group has been organized in PLYMOUTH, we are always happy to hear of such additions.

The MANTECA Ambassadors have started having monthly singspirations which have been very successful. Special services have been held with the Bethany Bible College quartet, and trumpet trio.

The C. A.'s of WILLOWS won the banner at a recent rally held in LIVE OAK. This is the first banner contest held by the South Sacramento Valley

Section.

The STIRLING CITY group reports that they have won the banner. They expressed a word of appreciation for this column too. The newly elected officers are: Richard Brown, President; Roy Schmidt, "veep"; May-sel Nixon, Secretary-Treasurer.

New officers have been elected by the FERNDALE young people, they are: Jackie Carney, President; A. J. Dionne, Vice President; Dalpha Frazier, Secretary-Treasurer; and Virginia Nichols in the news reporter. A recent camp fire outing on the Eel river was an enjoyable success.

In the CONTRA COSTA section souls have been saved in all but two rallies. There were six saved in the final rally of the year!

Well, this is the first "Chit Chat" for this year, how about making sure that we hear from your group this year? Send all news to Don Sturgeon, 1443 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Calif.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Special Regional Training Courses

Nine Area-Wide Workers Training Courses have been scheduled in strategic areas of our district, with members of the REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TEAM serving as instructors, both preceeding and following the Southwest Regional Sunday School Convention in Long Beach.

The textbook will be "And He Gave Teachers" by D. V. Hurst. This is a new book just off the press and should prove to be a real help to our teachers.

Every church within driving distance of one of these area-wide courses is urged to take advantage of the instruction of the members of the Regional Convention team that will be touring the nation.

The places and dates of the training courses are as follows:

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA —

January 24-28, 1955 — Bethel Church — Thomas Sutton, Pastor
224 Meridian Rd.

MADERA, CALIFORNIA —

January 24-28, 1955 — First Assembly of God — L. R. Wood, pastor — Riverside and D Sts.

VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA —

January 24-28, 1955 — Assembly of God — Wm. L. Shelley, pastor — 125 McClellan St.

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA —

January 24-28, 1955 — Bethel Church — Donald G. Weston, pastor — 15th and G St.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA —

January 24-28, 1955 — Bethel Temple — Clyde Henson, pastor — 21st and W St.

CHICO, CALIFORNIA —

February 14-18, 1955 — First As-

sembly of God — Ray Lockwood, pastor — 1518 Park Ave.

MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA —

February 14-18, 1955 — Bethel Temple — Melvin Steward, pastor — 13th and Buchanan St.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA —

February 14-18, 1955 — Calvary Tabernacle — Leonard Rogers, pastor — 701 E. Channel St.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA —

February 14-18, 1955 — First Assembly of God — Raymond Murray, pastor — 1009 Mission St.



Teachers and officers of the Madera First Assembly Sunday School take a moment to pose before they proceed to burst balloons signifying the achievement of their attendance drive goals. With somewhat more enthusiasm than grammatical precision the motto of the drive was "Bust Your Quota." Many classes exceeded their quota and the attendance of the whole school reached 253 — one more than the quota of 252.



The Sunday school workers of the Cupertino Assembly recently were thrilled with an attendance of 247! The group is here pictured filling the auditorium to capacity. This number is an all-time record. The pastor at Cupertino is Eugene Z. Lawrence.

Watch This Column

Average attendance for the month of November.

1.	Sacramento, Bethel Temple	916
2.	Hayward, Bethel Assembly	479
3.	Turlock, Bethel Temple	448
4.	Redwood City	429
5.	Stockton, Calvary Tab.	401
6.	Vallejo, First Assembly	346
7.	Richmond, Central Assembly ...	322
8.	San Jose, Bethel	291
9.	Merced	263
10.	Santa Rosa, First Assembly	225
11.	Madera, First Assembly	218
12.	Chico, First	195
13.	Eureka	191
14.	Burlingame	165
15.	No. Sacramento, Church of Red.	156
16.	Biggs	142
17.	Red Bluff	138
18.	South San Francisco	129%
19.	Anderson	112
20.	Winters	101
21.	Redding, Bethel	96
22.	Stirling City	70
23.	Tehama	68
24.	Paradise	58
25.	Orland, First	56
26.	Hayfork	49
27.	Chico, Pleasant Valley	40
28.	Redding, Enterprise	36
29.	Durham	33
30.	Orland, Capay	30
31.	Oroville, Honcut	28

Listed below is the school with the highest percentage of increases for the month of November over the average attendance for October for each section.

Section	November	Increase
1. Sacramento Valley		
Anderson	112	40.0%
2. So. San Joaquin		
Merced	263	31.5%
3. Capitol		
Winters	101	21.7%
4. Redwood		
Eureka	191	6.1%
5. Peninsula		
San Jose, Bethel	291	5.4%

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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

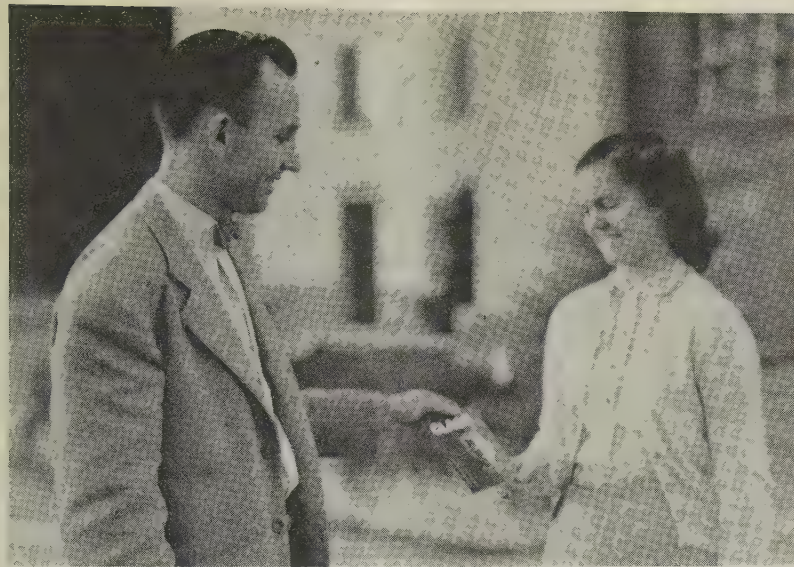
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Long Beach, California

Write to your District Sunday School Department for registration cards.

REMEMBER OUR GOAL!

1,000 Registrations



Have You Received Your Copy of CLASH?

District C. A. President, Walt Boring, hands a copy of Clash to B. B. C. student Kathryn Pippo. Clash, a new booklet by C. M. Ward, deals most helpfully with the problems of modern youth. It discusses such matters as dating, petting, dancing, movies, makeup, and sports. Not only young people, but youth leaders, teachers, and preachers will find this booklet helpful. A copy is available FREE to each new subscriber to the C. A. Herald. But to be sure of your copy of Clash, your subscription must be sent to Walt Boring, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, before February 1, 1955. The C. A. Herald costs one dollar (\$1.00) for an 8 months single subscription, or for 4 or more to one address one dollar (\$1.00) each for a 10 months subscription.

New Beginning

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months to you." And what a beginning it was! Liberation from bondage; a new covenant good for thousands of years; manna from heaven; water from the rock; quail just overhead; and best of all, the cloud and the fire. How little even Moses knew of what God would do that year. By faith he began, and miracles followed.

But it isn't enough just to begin again. It is important to find our niche, whether it be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord or a shepherd on the backside of the desert. Thank God He is still the Good Shepherd and His sheep know His voice. To the soul who has no will but His, it is not difficult to ascertain the will of God. Then having found this blessed place, we may begin again the task, however impossible it may seem. Normally the door opens after the knock, the finding follows seeking, and receiving, asking. Our faith will be rewarded as we work.

You failed before? Then try again. Wrote the poet, *"Tis nothing against you to fall down flat, but to lie there, that's the mistake."* Swallow your pride and forget your bruises; only get up and start again. What does it matter if there are jeers and taunts as you plod on. The race is not to the swift, neither the spoil to the strong, but they that endure to the end.

All are not called to preach or teach. All are not leaders. Some, trying, have failed because they attempted a work God never intended them to do. Disillusioned, bitter, frustrated, they struggle on. Remember Jeremiah in the potter's house? He saw a vessel marred in the hands of the potter. *"So he made it again,*

as seemed good to the potter to make it." Shall we begin again?

George and Jim were brothers. At school George bartered for a one-stringed violin. He was going to become a violinist. Jim waited until his brother gave up then took over. He sawed on the lone string until he mastered five tunes. Without a word, their father went to the city and brought home a fine violin for Jim, and he became an accomplished musician. In the meantime, George was saved and felt called to preach. His first sermon was to be delivered before his kinfolk and friends. After reading his text, without being able to say a word more, he sat down, buried his head in his hands and wept. The congregation, dismissed, left him alone. He slipped out to find refuge in his attic-bedroom, vowing never to try again. But God wasn't through with him. The still, small voice reminded him of the one-stringed violin, of his struggle and failure and Jim's success. George bowed his head and before God vowed: "Lord I have only a one-stringed violin of ability, but if you'll give me another chance, I will do the best I can with what I have." George R. Staurt became, by the help of God, an instrument that thrilled and moved and won thousands all because he dared start again.

Few of us feel we have more than the one string of ability. But yielded to the Master, it will produce melody. And who knows, perhaps He may add other strings, and life's music will be made truly harmonious.

Reader, before you begin again, sense your inadequacy, your abject nothingness; then turn for a new vision of God through His Word and by faith in an all-sufficient Savior.

News of Our National Fellowship

Our headquarters brethren have moved ahead in faith to continue our Revivaltime network broadcast. Thus the prayers and gifts of many have borne fruit. Though there is a deficit of \$174,000, the program is now paying its own way and the outlook for the future is promising.

From July 1 until November 15, 1954, a total of 258 new Assembly of God churches were established in the United States.

The Assemblies of God has received from the federal government the gift of a campus for the new General Council liberal arts college. The property, in Springfield, Missouri, consists of 64 acres of land and buildings to accommodate 1,000 students. The President of the new school is to be Klaude Kendrick, formerly of Southwestern Bible Institute. The new college will be known as *Evangel College*, and it will open its doors September, 1955, the Lord willing. It will carry the regular general education subjects and will provide specialized training in public school teaching and for nurses. It will offer only first year work in 1955. Standard Bible school rates will be charged. Application forms for prospective students will soon be available. Those interested may address: *Evangel College*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

A genuine Christian is the best evidence of the genuineness of Christianity.

HERE AND THERE

BIGGS — Our November average of 142 was an all-time record for our Sunday School. The Lord has been blessing in our services, and a number of High School and College young people have been saved. One of these was filled with the Holy Spirit in a car on the way home from the Chico C. A. Convention. Ray Oliver, pastor.

COVELO — We had a four week meeting with Bro. Earl Henderson and enjoyed the blessing of God upon the entire church. Our Sunday School average has stayed at an all-time high in spite of sickness and rain. Don North, pastor.

FT. BRAGG — We have recently closed a very good two week's revival with Youth Evangelist Lloyd Reece of Pasadena, California. Five came to the altar for salvation and two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. During the past few months, several have been saved in our regular services and nine have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. F. T. Alford, pastor.

FORTUNA — With the resignation of Pastor C. R. Peterson, Reverend Ted Parker, formerly of Biggs, has accepted this pastorate. Brother Peterson found it necessary to resign because of his wife's health. However, during his year and one-half of ministry he and the people of Fortuna were blessed and challenged, and there were twenty-five new converts.

HAWTHORNE, NEVADA — We want to report that God has answered prayer in behalf of Sister Baker. Many of you throughout the District have joined with us that God would perform a miracle and heal her body. She is now back home and rejoicing in the healing she has received. Thank you, dear friends, for uniting with us in this great need. Our work here in Hawthorne is progressing and souls are being saved almost every week. Our young people have opened an out-station at Gabbs, Nevada, about 60 miles from here. We have from 30 to 40 in the services. Travis F. Baker, pastor.

LOWER LAKE — Sectional Presbyter, J. R. Edgar, writes: "We had our December Sectional Fellowship Meeting at Lower Lake. Homer P. Hale is the Pastor. God

gave us a wonderful day in this little church. Sister Bernice McPheeters spoke in the afternoon on 'Elijah's Mantle.' God's anointing was upon our sister, and everyone was blessed. Pastor W. T. Scott of Oroville spoke in the evening on 'The Rich Man and the Beggar.' He gave his testimony of how God healed him of rheumatic fever, which was marvelous. Everyone's faith was increased and inspired."

LOYALTON — We have just closed a two week's revival meeting with Bro. P. R. Ford of Sebastopol. There were seven who received the Holy Ghost and three were saved. We were reminded of the days when we first came into Pentecost as Brother Ford ministered in the power of the Spirit and the church was edified. Bradford Wilmoth, pastor.

MADERA (First Assembly) — The South San Joaquin Section Fellowship Meeting was held here on November 22, with Lawrence Wood, host pastor. Brother David Burris, former Superintendent of the Arkansas District, brought a stirring message during the afternoon service. The people were made to rejoice and praise God for His goodness. During the evening service, the new Sunday School annex was dedicated to the Lord. Rev. Otto Schmidt of Atwater, brought the evening message to a congregation that filled the building to capacity. J. C. Snyder, presbyter.

MODESTO (Airport Assembly) — Rev. David Burris recently closed a series of Bible Studies from the book of Revelation. Brother Burris is especially gifted in unfolding and explaining the mysteries of this part of the Scriptures. Out of the rich experiences of his long and fruitful ministry, Bro. Burris brought great blessing to all and inspired the believers to live for the soon coming of the Lord. Ernest M. Adams, pastor.

MODESTO — The Central San Joaquin Section Fellowship Meeting was conducted in the Airport Assembly on December 6. Bro. Ernest M. Adams was the host pastor. During the annual business meeting, the following were elected to serve the Section for the coming year: Dan Robinson, Presbyter; Catherine Cook, W. M. C. Director;



Pastor and Mrs. Travis F. Baker. See report from Hawthorne, Nevada on this page.

Forrest A. Childs, S. S. Representative; F. L. Cook, Secretary. The afternoon message was brought by Bro. Forrest Childs of Patterson. Bro. Leonard Rogers of Stockton, brought a stirring message during the evening service. Dan Robinson, presbyter.

NORTH FORK — The newly-formed Assemblies of God Indian Fellowship met recently for a Worker's Conference. Brother George Effman, pastor at Healdsburg, had charge of the meetings. Plans were discussed for carrying the Gospel to the American Indians, and reports were given of the activities of the workers since the last Conference. There were nine tribes represented and reports were given by the Clarks of Happy Camp, Bro. and Sis. Ralph Holder of Hoopa, Bro. and Sis. Wesley Davidson of Weitchpec, and Bro. and Sis. George Forrest of Alturas. Evangelist Manuel Cordova and John McPherson told of God's moving through their ministry and their preaching to the various Indian groups. Brother Ely Persing invited the Fellowship to his church in Richmond for an all-western states gathering in April. Brother George Effman, recently appointed to serve as District Representative of the Indian work, brought a soul-stirring message for the closing service. Five were at the altar for salvation and many heard the Full Gospel for the first time. Edward E. Bodenhofer, pastor.

BELOW: The C. A.'s of Martinez are shown at a recent Speed-the-Light service. Manuel Deeds, newly-elected Sectional C. A. Chairman, was the evening speaker. Bro. and Sis. L. L. Ferguson, pastors of the Martinez Assembly of the past six years, report that God is blessing in every department of the church. Bro. and Sis. Deeds and Bro. and Sis. Ferguson are standing in the center of the group.



OAKLAND (First Church) — In a recent Sunday night service there was a remarkable outpouring of divine power. Pastor Sturgeon reports: "In the preliminary part of the service the Spirit broke upon everyone and for two hours, with no let up, people were healed, saved, and their souls renovated by the fire of God. Some who had been in the Pentecostal ranks for thirty years said that it was the most powerful meeting they had ever been in!" Also, Brother Sturgeon reports that the church has recently been given a fresh coat of paint.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings Temple) — Brother Donald Lehmann, former pastor of Palo Alto's Community Church, has joined the staff of Glad Tidings in the work of the Lord in San Francisco. Brother Lehmann will be director of religious education, director of music, editor of all the Temple publications, and teacher of the newly-organized young people's Bible Class. Special meetings were conducted recently with Pastor P. S. Brewster of Cardiff Wales, and Alexander Tee of Scotland. Norman Nelson, Southern California's lyric tenor, was the soloist during this series of revival services. Nelson E. Hinman, pastor.

SAN JOSE (Bethel Church) — The December meeting of the Men's Fellowship was one of the most outstanding that we have had to date. Vaughn Shoemaker, cartoonist who has twice won the Pulitzer Prize, was the guest speaker. He gave his personal testimony and explained in realistic terms just what it meant to be "born-again." The men present commented that they could hardly remember when they had experienced a more enjoyable evening. Brother Shoemaker was a great inspiration to the men of Bethel Church. Thomas G. Sutton, pastor.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — Dr. Willard C. Peirce, Bethany Bible College, was a recent speaker to this congregation. In addition to his most inspiring message, Bro. Peirce showed pictures of his tour in England during the past summer. T. Kermit Jeffrey, pastor.

SAN LEANDRO — The name of the Glad Tidings Church in San Leandro has been changed to First Assembly of God. Brother Warren Harrell has organized the young people into a Christ Ambassador group. They have grown spiritually and in numbers under Bro. Harrell's leadership. Guy Hardin, pastor.

TULE LAKE — The Shasta Section Fellowship meeting was held here. Brother Harry Ayers of Klamath Falls, Oregon, was the afternoon speaker. The evening message was brought by Bro. Ray Riddlesperger of Galt. We have enjoyed a revival meeting with Bro. Riddlesperger and also one with Brother Walter Larson of Burbank. There has been a number saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and the attendance has been very good. W. M. Austin, pastor.

WOODLAND — We recently concluded a three week's revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Silas H. Jones of Berkeley. It was reported by many to be one of the best meetings ever conducted in this church. Four were saved and one received the

The Darden Family



Evangelist May Dell Darden and her family, have ministered to more than thirty churches throughout this District during recent months. Sister Darden has just closed a four week's revival in Galt. Pastor Harold Burger writes, "Evangelist Darden has been bringing such anointed and powerful faith messages on deliverance that it is hard to put into words the visitation of God's Spirit upon us. The church has been filled with people who have heard Sister Darden's messages over the radio. We have lost count of the number saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Holy Spirit at our altars."

Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were several who testified to receiving healing for their bodies. Many expressed their sincere appreciation for the services and for the spiritual uplift received under the ministry of Brother Jones. The Sunday School attendance reached 143 without special emphasis. All of the services during the three weeks were well-attended. John F. Green, pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Althea Lois Holdcroft arrived in the home of Reverend and Mrs. Leslie Holdcroft on November 30. Brother Holdcroft is a member of the teaching staff at Bethany Bible College as well as editor of *GLAD TIDINGS*. Little Althea was welcomed by her older sister, Cynthia, whose picture appeared on the cover of the December Glad Tidings.

The Don Schutzlers are the happy parents of a new son, Lyndon Lee, born December 3. Rev. and Mrs. Luther Perkins of Seaside, are the proud grandparents. The Schutzlers pastor at Canby, Oregon.

We have heard that the William Pickthorns of Palo Alto became the happy parents of a new son during November. He is their third child.

With the Lord

Brother John C. Nelson, superannuated minister of this District, went to be with the Lord on November 25. Brother Joseph L. Gerhart conducted the funeral in Lakeport. A host of friends were present to honor our beloved brother. Rev. Nelson was ordained in the Assemblies of God in 1920 in Los Angeles, California. He founded the churches at Lankersheim (now North Hollywood) and Taft. He served as pastor at Turlock (where he built Bethel Temple), Watsonville, Vallejo, San Rafael, and Oakland.

BROTHER AND SISTER C. G. ROBERTS write that they have recently been elected to serve as pastors at Jerome, Idaho.



ABOVE: This lovely group of boys and girls attended the V. B. S. conducted at Covelo. There was a total registration of 92. Pastor Donald North states that a number of the children were brought into the Sunday School through the work of the V. B. S.

Open for Calls

The former pastor of Chico, Richard E. Orchard, continues to minister in our District and nearby. In a recent letter he mentioned that he "would be happy for evangelistic or pastoral calls." Brother Orchard may be contacted at 869 E. 19th Street, Chico, California.

Brother C. R. Peterson, who recently pastored at Fortuna, is now open for evangelistic calls. Brother Peterson may be contacted at: 315 Pisgah Heights Road, Santa Cruz.

New Work Opened

Brother Raymond Hackett has announced that he is opening a new work in the Cambrian Park area — a housing development between Los Gatos and San Jose. Says Brother Hackett, "We are taking a census now, and have found some prospects in the immediate area. The Lord willing we will be starting services the first Sunday in January. We will have to hold services in our home." Surely this effort deserves our earnest prayers and enthusiastic support. Brother Hackett's address is: 14804 Acton Drive, Los Gatos. He tells us "Acton Drive is off Cole Drive, which is one of the main streets in this area."

FOR SALE

Very nice two bedroom home at Bethany Park. Reasonably priced. To see it enquire at 315 Pisgah Heights Road, Bethany Park, Santa Cruz, or contact the owner L. H. Roberts, 15509 East Mt. View, Kingsburg, California.

PROBLEMS!

These brethren, faced with a convention election deadlock, thought they had their problems. But a mere deadlock is simple compared to the problems of making ends meet in operating the District Office and Bethany Bible College. The matter would be so much more simple if all our churches would help even a very little. Our District brethren recently were given new heart by a letter from one of our pastors:

Dear Brother Gerhart:

Choice Christian Greetings!

It has been my intention to write sooner telling you of the decision of our church board.

This is it: It was decided that we would begin to tithe our offerings that come to the church, and from this tithe place fifty percent into the Bible College fund.

Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



REUBEN A. WILSON, Sr.

Brother Reuben A. Wilson, Presbyter of the Capitol Section, has ministered in the Northern California-Nevada District for twenty-one years. He also served seven years in the Southern California and Washington Districts. He has been pastor of the Roseville Assembly since 1946, and including his present office, has served as a presbyter for some sixteen years.

A graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, class of 1926, Brother Wilson began his ministry with a classmate, Walter Hooper.

In 1927, he married Harriet Porter and together they pastored in Sunnyside and Harrington in Washington, then in the Southern District, and in this District in Exeter, Weed, Alameda, and Roseville. The church in

Roseville has grown under the ministry of Brother and Sister Wilson. A lovely new building has been constructed with adequate church and Sunday School facilities and the work continues to thrive. The Sunday School is increasing year by year.

As Alumni President of Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now Bethany Bible College), Brother Wilson served successfully a number of years. He is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Bible College and ministers in this capacity along with his other duties.

Brother Wilson is the father of six children: Reuben A. Jr., pastor at Colusa, California; Lewis, Dean of Men at Bethany Bible College; Alice, recent graduate of Sacramento State College; Everett, student at Bethany; and Noel and Priscilla, both in high school.

The ministry of Brother Wilson has been much appreciated for its practicability. His sound judgments are highly regarded. He is a man who evidences a most gratifying understanding of his fellows and who readily wins and deserves their confidence and esteem. As parent, pastor, presbyter, and Bible College board member, Brother Wilson has contributed much to the work of the Lord.

When our hearts are pure, our faith is strong.



Although our offerings are small, we feel it would be a pleasing thing to God. I know God will bless us for it and also increase the desire of our people to tithe.

Enclosed is a check which is small, but we are praying that God will increase it each month. May the Lord bless you and the other staff members that have such a re-

sponsibility of leadership.

Many church groups discovered long ago that only through the united support of the entire constituency could the church's educational projects be maintained. May more and more of our people have this vision that our Pentecostal heritage might be faithfully presented to the youth of our fellowship.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Expressions of "Thanks" to Our WMC



The truck with our gifts at the National Children's Home.

You can be assured we were one happy family when the truck loaded with almost seven tons of canned foods pulled up to our door last Friday morning. Most of our children were going to school, but they were just leaving as the truck pulled up and shouted from their bus, "Is that our truck load from California?" You may be sure a real shout went up when Mr. McGinnis told them YES. We have been living in an air of expectancy, and surely we were not

disappointed when that day finally arrived.

May the Lord bless you and your wonderful group out there in Sunny California for such a splendid gift. It is a beautiful sight to see row upon row of canned goods on our shelves. The load came through without a single jar breaking. Only eternity will reveal its far reaching blessings and rewards.

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FROM MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

We want to extend hearty thanks and appreciation to all the WMC of Northern California and Devada District, for all that you have done for us, as so many of our needs have been supplied through the different groups. Not only our needs have been met, but the used clothes you have given for our workers are so ap-

preciated. I wish you could be down there with us when we open the drums.

Our own children too have been so thrilled with all the things you have given them, more than once tears have rolled down our faces when we see the satisfied look on their faces, over the things you have given them. All we can say is: "God bless you abundantly and reward you for all."

The Johnsons.

It keeps the Devil busy to hold his own against a praying mother.

Forthcoming WMC Activities At Long Beach

February 8 — WMC Leadership Conference. For all District and Sectional Officers.

February 9—Fellowship Luncheon.

February 10 — Conference and Panel Discussion.

In each local Church

February 13 — WMC DAY. The ladies of the WMC will be publicly honored and an annual offering for the work of the National WMC Department received.

FROM SAMOAN MISSIONARIES

Before we sail, we wanted to let you know how much we have appreciated the many kind gifts bestowed upon us since we have been home on furlough.

The many tins of food, linens and other items will be a real help and a blessing to us on the field for many days to come. Often we shall think of you at home and your labor of love and breathe another prayer of thankfulness that the Lord has made your work for Him so wonderful and useful.

Besides the material needs supplied, the precious fellowship and love you have always shown, shall be a joy and will serve as a source of comfort to press a vigorous warfare for Christ.

To all the WMC groups, their leaders and their wonderful pastors, again we say . . . Thank you so very much, and may God's grace and blessing be yours now and always.

The Luces.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

The ship pulled into port the last part of August and at that time we were in Iloilo City. After we arrived home we had the thrill of unpacking the drums. Talk about excitement! We just couldn't get over the way the things were packed in tin cans. The past few mornings we have been eating dry cereal and it tastes so good and fresh. We think it is a wonderful way to pack food because now the ants and bugs can't get into them.

The Ziesslers.



The prayers and good wishes of all our people unite on behalf of the Riley Kaufmans as they journey to their new field of labor in the Philippines. Above is the group that gathered to see them off. Seated in the front row are (left to right): K. M. Haystead, Goldia Anderson, Rileene Kaufman, Flossie Kaufman, Riley Kaufman, Kay Kaufman, and J. L. Gerhart.

CURRENT SIGNS

The Home

J. Edgar Hoover recently issued the following:

After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence.

The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom and second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order and happiness.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; . . . where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; . . . where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; . . . where childish independence is encouraged and refractory conduct is condoned; . . . where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; . . . and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes need help. The Sunday Schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters.

Child Criminals

In this country, approximately one million children get into trouble with the law each year. And yet almost one-third of all acts of delinquency never come to the attention of any law-enforcing agency. Most juvenile delinquency cases fall between the ages of ten and seventeen. What a challenge for our Sunday schools!

We Now Live Longer

Metropolitan Life statisticians report that in 1954 the national death rate dropped to an all-time low of 9.2 per 1,000 population, or 5 percent under the previous low point registered the year before. Ten years ago the death rate was one-sixth higher. This lower death rate means that our life expectancy is steadily increasing. But no matter how long a man may live, he still must face eternity ahead.

World Series Shortstop, Recommends Tithing

The captain of the world champion New York Giants, Alvin Dark, appeared before the Baptist General Conference of Texas and made an eloquent plea for Christian parents to teach their children to tithe.

"My father and mother taught me to tithe . . . I sincerely believe that everything we have belongs to God and all He expects back is 10 per cent. I wish all parents would teach their children to tithe." He also revealed that he has been tithing ever since he was a newsboy receiving \$2.50 a week.

His pastor, Dr. E. Butler Abington of Lake Charles, La., said "He is a real Christian who has the right attitude toward people, toward God and toward life, and practices what he preaches."

Alvin Dark signed a two-year contract (\$36,500 a year) that made him the highest paid player in the history of the Giants ball club.

Generation of Cheaters

The editor of an economics magazine says, "We are a generation of cheaters." We are trying to levy a portion of the cost of our riotous living on unborn generations. During the past quarter of a century, through depression, war and prosperity, we have balanced our federal budget only twice.

H-Bomb — Challenge to Evangelicals

'A Time to Speak' . . . If your nerves have just quieted down from seeing pictures of the H-bomb blast you'd better not read much more of this. Because science seems bent on trying to find a new and more horrible weapon for every letter of the alphabet.

The A-bomb and the H-bomb, of course are old hat. But coming up are even worse weapons apparently, including the C (for cobalt) bomb, the N (for nitrogen) bomb, the G-gas, and the F (for freeze) ray.

Christians have an imposing responsibility and opportunity as a result of all this ghastly alphabetism.

The N-bomb is a mystery. Nobody will admit that it's more than a possibility. But scientists have said that it could very well be far more deadly in effect than the thermo-nuclear H-bomb. It is said to be based on use of the gas, nitrogen, instead of hydrogen. The air we breath is chiefly nitrogen. If science gives it the nuclear "hot foot," it might solve all of man's problems, except "where do we go from here."

The C-bomb is a little less potent only in that it may take a little longer to wipe out the human race. Such a bomb is comparatively easy to develop, according to scientists.

God does not bring men to deep waters to drown them, but to cleanse them.

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